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WHEAT, COTTON PRODUCTION UP:  
FORESTATION PLAN STARTED

AZERBAIDZHAN ANNOUNCES COTTON AND WHEAT OUTPUT -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy,  
 No 44, 5 Mar 49

The Republic Council on Cotton, created by Tsk KP(b) Azerbaydzhan, met in early March 1949. It was announced during the meetings that the gross yield of cotton wool doubled during the postwar period, but the pre-war level of production has not been reached. Production for 1948 was 158,000 centners greater than in 1947, but because of lagging output in a majority of the rayons, the 1948 plan for cotton was not fulfilled. It was decided that the 1949 yield must be 36 percent greater than the 1948 output.

M. D. Bagirov, in a speech at this meeting, announced that total 1948 wheat production in USSR was more than 7 billion pud, or a little less than in the best prewar years.

COTTONSEED PROCESSING NEEDS IMPROVEMENT -- Pravda Vostoka, No 48, 9 Mar 49

Workers of the Fergana Fat and Oil Combine achieved in 1948 a figure of 7.71 percent for residual oil left in cottonseed cake. The figure set by the plan was 7.70 percent. In January 1949 the figure was lowered to 7.64, which was still above the 7.57 percent set by the 1949 plan. The workers have undertaken a series of measures to lower the figure to 7.5 percent.

CITRUS FRUITS INTRODUCED IN STALINABAD - Kommunist Tadjikistana, No 47,  
9 Mar 49

Twenty-five boxes of seed oranges, lemons, and hybrid fruits have been received in Stalinsk from Georgia. Also received were seed fruits of the bitter orange, which is well suited to heat and saline ground. The seeds will be sown in the experimental sections of the Vakhsh zonal station and the Institute of Dry Subtropics at Stalinsk.

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**ARMENIAN MTSs GET AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY -- Kommunist, No 38, 16 Feb 49**

Armenian MTSs have already received 800 colters in anticipation of spring cultivation. A new consignment of 10,000 is expected soon, is to be used in connection with tractor plows for spring field work.

During 1949, Armenian MTSs will receive 190 tractors, 35 combines, 60 threshing machines, 100 seeders, 300 plows, 200 surface plows, and more than 100 cultivators and grain cleaners.

**NEW SOVKHOZ FOR FAR NORTH AREA -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 37, 15 Feb 49**

The Executive Committee of the Khabarovsk Kray Soviet of Workers' Deputies has decided to organize a large vegetable and dairy sovkhoz near the village of Markovo, Chukot National Okrug. The new sovkhoz will supply potatoes, vegetables, meat and dairy products to the Chukot population.

**CREDITS EXTENDED TO ESTONIAN KOLKHOZES -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 56, 9 Mar 49**

In the 10 days preceding 8 March, the Agricultural Bank extended over 100,000 rubles of credits to kolkhozes in the Valga area, in keeping with the program for encouragement of Estonian kolkhozes.

**FIRST-QUARTER MILK PLAN COMPLETED -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 56, 9 Mar 49**

Kolkhozes of Zhmerinskiy Rayon, Ukrainian SSR, have fulfilled the first-quarter plan for milk with a production of 1,802 hectoliters.

**GRODNO COMPLETES MILK AND MEAT PLAN -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 49, 9 Mar 49**

Kolkhozes and individual peasant households completed, 3 March 1949, the first-quarter plan for production of milk and meat.

**FORESTATION PROGRAM FOR WESTERN USSR -- Krasnyy Flot, No 53, 5 Mar 49**

Kolkhozes of the steppe and forest-steppe regions of European USSR will carry out a tree-planting and seeding program this spring. The forested area will cover not less than 52.9 hectares and will stretch along the boundaries of the fields for 25,000 kilometers. Plantings will be especially great in Ukrainian SSR, in Voronezh, Kurak, Tambov, Orel, Kuybyshev, Saratov, Chkalov, Stalingrad, and Rostov Oblasts, and in Krasnodar Krai. Forest conservation stations and MTSs will plough 160,000 hectares of fallow land for forest seeding in 1950. The Ministry of Forestry USSR will furnish more than 152 million seedlings of deciduous bush species and 695 tons of acorns.

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